

Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day - so celebrate

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Green beer mixed with a wee bit of blarney, a dollop of Irish fare and heap of lively entertainment will be on tap at many pubs this weekend and Monday in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

So, slip into something green. Then check out a neighborhood watering hole.

Here's a sampling of some local establishments:

At Farwell & Friends, 8051 Middlebelt, Westland, some revelers don goofy hats, others wear costumes. Everyone, said Billy Farwell, owner, enjoys the sing-a-long that begins at 4:30 p.m. Friday through Monday, 10:30 a.m. to midnight, corned beef and cabbage, Mulligan Stew (a mix of beef, rutabaga, potatoes, onions, carrots, peas and celery) will be served. The bar's open until 2 a.m., (734) 421-6990.

Sean O'Callaghan's, 821 Pennington, Plymouth, opens 7 a.m. and closes at 2 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day. They'll be serving corned beef melt, chips and curry dip, burgers and Irish Stew. The Shawn Riley Band performs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Galway Celts play 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Sunday. They'll begin playing at 4 p.m. on Monday, (734) 459-6666.

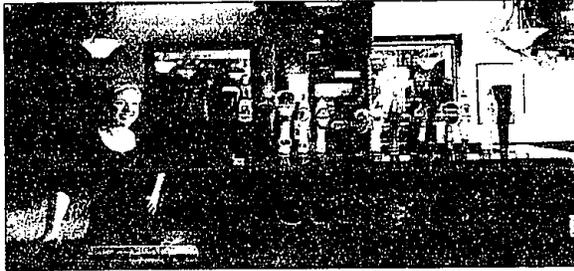
Drink specials, corned beef and cabbage and Irish stew will be featured at **Jack Dunleavy's, 340 N. Main, Plymouth. Listen to Irish music 2-10 p.m. The restaurant is open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., (734) 455-3700.**

Celebrate at John Cowley & Sons (formerly Cowley's Old Village Inn), 34338 Grand River Ave. in Farmington 7 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. WRIF broadcasts live 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Irish music by Blackthorn featured 10 a.m. to midnight. Corned beef sandwiches will be served all day. An Irish band performs 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, (248) 474-5944.

The recipe for green beer is simple. Yet, on St. Patrick's Day at **Blarney Bay Pub, 27758 Warren, Westland, the ritual is a "big deal" for partygoers.**

"Customers like to watch us make the green beer," said Ralph Barber, co-owner. "We add a little eye dropper of green food coloring as beer pours out of the tap." On Monday, dozens open 7 a.m. Irish dancers, a live band and bagpipers, entertain 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. Irish stew, corned beef and cabbage and drink specials will be available. A \$5 cover beginning at 11 a.m., (734) 421-6940.

Jimmy Koehn, guitarist, plays folk tunes 5 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday and Monday at J.B. Bamboozles,



Sean O'Callaghan's bartender Amy Dutton at the tap.

32350 W. 8 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. The menu and hours of operation same as Farwell & Friends (see above listing), (248) 426-6454.

Bagpipers, drummers and live Irish and rock music can be heard throughout the day at Doyle's Tavern, 860 Frick Street in Plymouth. There's no cover charge and green beer is available upon request. Plenty of pints of Guinness will be available, the folks at Doyle's said. The bagpipers will play two sets between the hours of noon and 4 p.m. and then again from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Live

music in the evening. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Traditional Irish food including Irish stew and corned beef and cabbage. (734) 207-9666.

Enjoy an Irish buffet of corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, full salad bar and more 4-9 p.m. Monday at Emmett's, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia. Cost is \$5 per person. Lunch, including corned beef specials, served 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., (734) 522-5500.

Bailey's, 1777 Canton Center Road, Canton will feature green beer, happy hour drink specials, corned beef and cabbage 11

a.m. to 2 a.m. Kitchen closes at 1:30 a.m., (734) 844-1137.

Sunday is family day at Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. "A lot of children play the Irish music in traditional fashion," says Caroline King, general manager. Customers of all ages are invited to bring their instruments to perform at this traditional Irish pub. The week-long party continues tonight 9 p.m.-2 a.m. with Irish singer, Gareth Woods. Tin whistle players perform 4-7 p.m. Friday and 2-4 p.m. Saturday. Irish music, including bagpipers, will be

featured 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday, (734) 666-2668.

Dunleavy's, 34505 Grand River Ave., Farmington will serve corned beef and cabbage 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday and Monday, and 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday. On Monday a live band and a bagpiper will perform throughout the day. Irish stew will be available, (248) 478-8666.

Lamb stew, corned beef and cabbage, Guinness beef and beer and Guinness chocolate cake is on the menu at Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, 26053 Town Center, Novi. Meals served 11:15 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday and Monday, and, 4-9 p.m. Sunday. An Irish band performs 6-10 p.m. Monday, (248) 380-8460.

"It's really true. Everybody is Irish on St. Patrick's Day!" said Ed Jeffery, general manager, Rosie O'Grady's, 175 W. Troy St. in Ferndale. On Monday, radio station WCSX will broadcast live 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Hummingbirds play 3-7 p.m., and, Trademark Orange 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Traditional corned beef and cabbage and Irish stew served 7 a.m. to midnight, (248) 591-9163.

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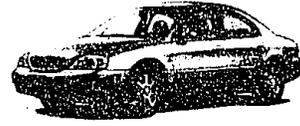
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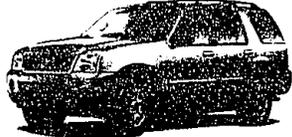
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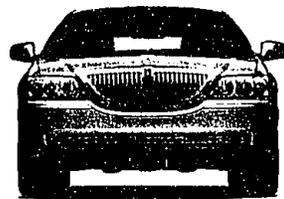
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